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valve (Valv) Pronunciation Key - Show IPA Pronunciation, noun, verb, valved, valv-ing.

- any device for halting or controlling the flow of a liquid, gas, or other material through a passage, pipe, inlet, outlet, etc.
- a hinged lid or other movable part that closes or modifies the passage in such a device.

 A such a device.

 A such a device.
- Anatomy. a membranous fold or other structure that controls the flow of a fluid, as one that permits blood to flow in one direction only.
- (in musical wind instruments of the trumpet class) a device for changing the length of the air column to alter the pitch of a tone.
- Zoology.
 - a. one of the two or more separable pieces composing certain shells.
 - b. either half of the silicified shell of a diatom.
- 6. Botany.
 - a. one of the segments into which a capsule dehisces.
 - b. a flap or lidlike part of certain anthers.
- 7. Electronics (chiefly British.). VACUUM TUBE (def. 1).
- 8. Archaic. one of the leaves of a double or folding door.
- -verb (used with object)
 to provide with a means of controlling the flow of liquid, gas, etc., by inserting a valve.

[Origin: 1350-1400; ME < L valvae leaves of a door,]

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n.

- Anatomy A membranous structure in a hollow organ or passage, as in an artery or vein, that folds or closes to prevent the return flow of the body fluid passing through it.
- a. Any of various devices that regulate the flow of gases, liquids, or loose materials through piping or through apertures by opening, closing, or obstructing ports or passageways.
 - b. The movable control element of such a device.
 - Music A device in a brass wind instrument that permits change in pitch by a rapid varying of the air column in a tube.
 - d. One of the paired, hinged shells of certain mollusks and of brachiopods.
 - e. One of the two silicified halves of the cell wall of a diatom.

 f. The entire, one-piece shell of a snail and certain other mollusks.
 - one of the sections into which the wall of a seedpod or other dehiscent fruit
 - splits.
 h. A lidlike covering of an anther.
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- One of the sections into which the wall of a seedpod or other dehiscent fruit splits.
- b. A lidlike covering of an anther.
- 5. Chiefly British An electron tube or a vacuum tube.
- 6. Archaic Either half of a double or folding door.
- tr.v. valved, valv ing, valves
 - 1. To provide with a valve.
 - 2. To control by means of a valve.

[Middle English, leaf of a door, from Latin valva; see wel-2 in Indo-European roots.]

valve'less adj.

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1387, "one of the halves of a folding door," from L. *valua* "section of a folding or revolving door," lit. "that which turns," related to volvere "to roll" (see <u>wubus</u>). Sense extended 1615 to "membranous fold regulating flow of bodily fluids;" 1659 to "mechanical device that works like a valve," and 1661 in zoology to "halves of a hinged shell."

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noun

- a structure in a hollow organ (like the heart) with a flap to insure one-way flow of fluid through it
- device in a brass wind instrument for varying the length of the air column to alter the pitch of a tone
- 3. control consisting of a mechanical device for controlling the flow of a fluid
- 4. the entire one-piece shell of a snail and certain other molluscs
- 5. one of the paired hinged shells of certain molluscs and of brachiopods

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a device for allowing a liquid or gas to pass through an opening in one direction only

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valve2 [vælv] noun

a structure with the same effect in an animal body

Hungarian: billentyű

Example: Valves in the heart control the flow of blood in the human body.

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lcelandic: (hjarta-, *bláæða-, *ristil)loka Indonesian: katup Italian: valvola Swedish: klaff Turkish: kapakçık

valve3 [vælv] noun

a type of electronic component found in many, especially older, types of television, radio etc

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Chinese (Simplified): 真空管 Chinese (Traditional): 真空管

Czech: lampa

Danish: (radio-)rør

Danish: (radio-)rør
Dutch: buis
Estonian: elektronlamp

Finnish: elektroniputki
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valve (vālv) Pronunciation Key

- Any of various mechanical devices that control the flow of liquids, gases, or loose material through pipes or channels by blocking and uncovering openings.
 b. The movable part or element of such a device.
- Any of various structures that prevent the backward flow of a body fluid, such as blood or lymph. Valves in the heart, velns, and lymphatic vessels contain flaps (known as cusps) that dose in response to pressure created by the backflow of fluid.
- 3. One of the paired hinged shells of certain mollusks, such as clams and oysters.
- See electron tube.

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n.

- A membranous structure in a hollow organ or passage, as in an artery or a vein, that folds or closes to prevent the return flow of the body fluid passing through it.
- Any of various devices that regulate the flow of gases, liquids, or loose materials through piping or through apertures by opening, closing, or obstructing ports or passageways.

3. The movable control element of such a device.

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Pronunciation: 'valv Function: noun

- 1: a structure especially in a vein or lymphatic that closes temporarily a passage or orifice or permits movement of fluid in one direction only
- 2: any of various mechanical devices by which the flow of liquid (as blood) may be started, stopped, or regulated by a movable part that opens, shuts, or partially obstructs one or more ports or passageways: also: the movable part of such a device

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